



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced precipitation levels below average for this time of year. Temperatures averaged a little below normal as well. Producers were allowed 6.3 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	30	60	5
Last Week	3	33	63	1
Last Year	16	39	42	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	42	36	1
Last Week	13	49	38	0
Last Year	14	41	43	2

**Small Grains:** Spring barley was 87 percent harvested in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 50 percent harvested and is rated in mostly good condition. Winter wheat was 15 percent seeded by week's end.

**Row Crops:** The corn crop was 98 percent at or beyond the dough stage, 57 percent dented and 11 percent mature with the crop in mostly fair to good condition last week. Sorghum was 91 percent turning color and 20 percent mature with the crop in mostly fair condition by week's end.

## ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 7, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	7	13	33	33	14
Last Year	2	7	20	51	20
Sorghum					
This Week	4	13	45	37	1
Last Year	0	0	22	66	12

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to good. Second cutting alfalfa was completed while third cutting was 55 percent complete. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle were rated average while sheep and lambs were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated a little above average.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 7, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	10	23	40	24	3
Prev. Year - 2007	3	9	36	40	12
5-Year Avg.	9	22	35	29	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 7, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	87	62	93	89
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	50	40	72	77
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	15	N/A	4	11
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	98	93	93	83
Dent	57	42	52	51
Mature	11	4	8	10
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	24	14	27	26
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Turning Color	91	87	50	44
Mature	20	10	18	14
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	15	9	22	26
Harvested	4	0	7	8
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	55	45	53	50
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	32	22	38	46
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	18	12	2	6
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	30	21	36	50

## COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>	5	17	31	35	12
<b>Spring Wheat</b>	5	18	26	36	15
<b>Corn</b>	7	13	30	36	14
<b>Alfalfa</b>	2	8	36	40	14
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	4	25	55	16
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	8	8	15	53	16
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	9	9	28	42	12
<b>Dry Beans</b>	1	2	31	54	12
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	3	4	20	46	27
<b>Sunflowers</b>	4	14	39	28	15
<b>Sorghum</b>	4	13	45	37	1
<b>Livestock</b>	1	6	21	64	8

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.